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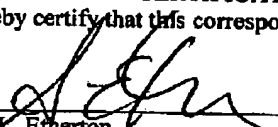
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This a response to an office action dated June 6, 2006, with no shortened statutory response specified. This response is filed within the maximum statutory period of 6 months and is considered timely filed. Therefore, no extension fee is believed to be due.

Claim Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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